

**MINUTES - LAFAYETTE COUNTY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Ag/Extension Annex – Darlington, WI  
Wednesday, March 13, 2013 – 5:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** David Halloran, John Bartels, Bob Boyle, Dwayne Larson

**Others Present:** Ken Harwood, John Heimann

- The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Bob Boyle at 5:07 pm.
- Boyle stated that the meeting had been properly posted in the Ag Center, Courthouse and Darlington Municipal Building, and sent to the Republican Journal.
- Moved by Larson and seconded by Halloran to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- Moved by Halloran and seconded by Larson to approve the minutes for the February 13, 2013 EDC meeting. Motion carried.

**Update, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Regional CBDG – Housing (John Heimann):**

Economic Development Committee agreed to join last June. La Crosse County is the lead county of Regional CBDG (HUD money). Chairman Sauer can sign new resolution, no need to go through full county board. The Committee will meet twice a year. Eleven counties are involved in this region. Purpose of program is to restore houses (grant money) 0-3% interest, first time house buyers (down payment), and other select projects; Lafayette County approximately \$170,000 for first year.

**Update on MVP/RLF Recipients and Current Status:** No action.

**Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Designating Responsibility of the Economic Development Committee's Tasks and Functions:** Harwood is working on this.

**Update and Possible Action on Joining the Regional Revolving Loan Fund (Dwayne Larson):** Informed the Committee on why we should join the Regional group; administratively still a question on who would run the fund; a 4-page question/answer sheet will go out in the County Board packets; will present a Resolution to the Full County Board at the April meeting.

**Update on Lafayette Development Corporation (LDC – Ken Harwood):** RLF – debate on how this will play out at the Regional level. Several companies will be coming to our Lafayette Economic Development Committee for loans in the near future. Harwood has been asked to get to all County and local board meetings.

**What We Have Been Hearing Around the County:** Lafayette County is next to last in tourism received in the State. How can we better tourism in Lafayette County? General concerns that we need to improve our tourism revenue.

**Future Agenda Items:**

- 1) Harwood will present a list of steps involved in securing a loan from the Lafayette County Revolving Loan Fund.
- 2) Reimbursement of \$200 to Harwood for his attendance at the State Tourism Convention.

3) Discuss with possible action concerning joining the Regional RLF.

**Approval of the Vouchers**

A motion was made by Larson and second by Bartels to approve the EDC vouchers. Motion carried.

The Next Economic Development Committee Meeting Date will be April 10, 2013 at 5:00 pm at Ag/Extension meeting room.

Moved by Larson and seconded by Halloran to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Bob Boyle*